

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 768  
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend Thurman L. Pedigo, Sr., MD, of Goodlettsville for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Thurman L. Pedigo, Sr., MD, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; throughout his career, Dr. Pedigo has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Clinical Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine from 1995 to 2003 and was affiliated with River Park Hospital in McMinnville from 1970 to 1994 and with Vanderbilt University Medical Center from 1993 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, having served as a member of the Board of Trustees and Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Tennessee Medical Association, Dr. Pedigo has additionally filled many other leadership, committee, and task force positions during his extensive career; he also served as President and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians; and

WHEREAS, having been active in the American Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Pedigo served on Academy committees and panels to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare in Tennessee and throughout our nation, and he became a Fellow in the Academy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedigo has been a strong supporter and member of the American Medical Association, Nashville Academy of Medicine, Southern Medical Association, American

Geriatrics Association, and American Informatics Association, sharing his immense knowledge and political, legislative, and healthcare expertise with these organizations and serving as a strong advocate for patients and the medical profession for many years; and

WHEREAS, his vision, values, integrity, and wisdom are outstanding skills that served him well during challenging efforts to form collaborative agreements within the medical and political communities; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career as a physician and professor in McMinnville and Nashville he has demonstrated strong leadership and dedication to providing quality healthcare to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thurman Pedigo has also served the McMinnville community as a member of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, Economic Development Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, his other laudable activities include work with the Burn Care Task Force for Middle Tennessee, Healthy Children's Initiative Subcommittee, Tennessee Chapter of the American Cancer Society's Board of Directors, and the Tennessee Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, he has also added to the medical world's body of knowledge through his scientific presentations and publications, including "Navigating the Future of the Tennessee Academy of Family Practice: A Visionary Look at Long-Range Planning", "Telemedicine", "Health Care Cost Containment", "Gatekeeper -- Points to Ponder", and "Electronic Media Claims"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedigo has received numerous well-deserved awards during his career, including the Tennessee Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award and recognition as one of the "Best Doctors in America" in the Woodward/White, Inc. survey; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedigo is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedigo is wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Thurman L. Pedigo, Sr., MD, for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a leader in healthcare and the medical profession and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.